(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to counter water shortage in Delhi; and

(c) how much money has been spent on the construction of Sonia Vihar water treatment plant?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) As informed by Delhi Jal Board, there is no acute water shortage in Delhi during this summer and daily production of water in Delhi is approximately 675 Million Gallons per day for a population of approximately 140 lakhs. In the various meetings held by the Union Government, the representatives of Uttar Pradesh have expressed their constraints in meeting the drinking water requirements for Sonia Vihar Plant projected by Delhi Government.

(b) Delhi Government have informed that raw water for 140 MGD Sonia Vihar Treatment Plant will become available from Tehri Dam. To augment water supply to Delhi, Delhi Jal Board is taking steps for efficient distribution of water and adopting water conservation and rain water harvesting practices. Further, Delhi Jal Board is planning to augment its water availability from savings in enroute losses resulting from completion of paralled lined channel from Munak to Haiderpur Treatment Plant.

(c) Delhi Jal Board has informed that Sonia Vihar water treatment plant was awarded at a cost of approximately Rs. 188.88 crores. So far Rs. 150.00 crores (approx.) have been spent.

Campaigns on Water Conservation and Management

*559. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to create awareness on water conservation and management in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much money is being spent during the current financial year on various educational campaigns on water conservation?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) The Government organizes Mass Awareness Programmes and Water Management Training Programmes on rainwater

harvesting to create awareness about the importance of conservation and augmentation of ground water resources. A total of 51 Mass Awareness Programmes on Rain Water Harvesting and Artificial Recharge to Ground Water are proposed to be conducted during 2005-06 in various parts of the country involving Central/State/NGOs, Voluntary Organisations, Resident Welfare Organisation, Educational Institutions, Industries and Individuals. Similar number of training programmes are proposed in various parts of the country during the year 2005-06 to generate resource persons as a measure of capacity building for designing rain water harvesting structures to augment ground water in different terrains and diverse hydrogeological conditions. The Government also plans to organize various activities for creating awareness on water conservation and management in the country such as participation in various fairs, exhibitions and conferences. It is also proposed to organize visit of school/college students to water resources project, visit of school students and teachers to Engineering Museums and Water Quality Labs at New Delhi. It also plans to organise inter-school debates/quiz competitions at regional level. The Government also has plan to prepare documentary films on water resources, printing of pamphlets and publicity material for distribution to masses.

The Government celebrates World Water Day on 22nd March every year in Delhi and in the State capital including media campaign to promote awareness of water conservation. Every year generally in the month of April Water Resources Day is also celebrated by various field offices of the Ministry spread throughout the country. The main objective of the event is to generate mass awareness about the scarce value of water and its management.

(c) Budget provision of Rs. 7,35,82,500/- has been made during the current financial year for various publicity measures including educational/awareness campaigns on water conservation.

Amount released to Andhra Pradesh for small irrigation projects

†*560. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released by the Central Government to Andhra Pradesh Government for small irrigation projects, tubewells and shallow tubewells during the last three years, year-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.